

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TALS: ENRG, TH  
SUBJECT: NATURAL GAS NEGOTIATIONS

REF: BANGKOK 16150

1. ON JUNE 12, 1978, UNION OIL COMPANY AND THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT REACHED "AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE" ON THE PRICE OF NATURAL GAS AT THE WELLHEAD. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS THE PRICE HAS BEEN SET AT \$1.04 PER 1000 CUBIC SEET. A FORMAL CONTRACT WILL BE SIGNED AS SOON AS ALL DETAILS HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT.

2. MINISTER OF INDUSTRY KASEM CHATIKAWANIT EXPRESSED PUBLIC VIEW THAT FORMAL CONTRACT WOULD BE SIGNED IN TWO WEEKS. UNION VICE PRESIDENT GREENWALT IS MORE CAUTIOUS, SUGGESTING PRIVATELY THAT TWO MONTHS IS MORE LIKELY TIME FRAME. GREENWALT CONFIDES THAT UNRESOLVED ISSUES INCLUDE: 1) GUARANTEE OF BAHT-DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE AND 2) REVISION OF RTG TAX LEGISLATION, WHICH COULD REQUIRE SOME TIME TO ENACT. GREENWALT ALSO INDICATED THAT NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF NATURAL GAS PRICE "NOT QUITE ACCURATE AS UNION WILL ACTUALLY DO SOMEWHAT BETTER" THAN NEWSPAPERS INDICATE BUT NOT AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WELL AS UNION HAD ORIGINALLY HOPED.  
WHITEHOUSE

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## Message Attributes

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